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Appl. No. 10/665,105  
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Confirmation No. 6147

In re : Application of Sullivan, et al.  
For : IMPROVED DETECTION OF MICROBIOLOGICAL GROWTH  
Serial No. : 10/665,105  
Filed : September 17, 2003  
Group Art Unit : 1651  
Examiner : Thomas Dale Bradrick  
Our Docket No. : TDS-125US  
Customer No. : 24036

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2005 having a shortened statutory period of response set to expire on February 8, 2005. A petition for a one month extension to March 8, 2006 is attached.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet incorporating the changes.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.